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## **SENATOR ALLARD TO MEET WITH MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO URGE EXTRADITION OF MEXICAN ACCUSED OF MURDERING DENVER POLICE OFFICER**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Wednesday that he will meet with Carlos de Icaza, Mexican Ambassador to the United States on Monday, June 13, to urge the Mexican government to extradite a Mexican national to Colorado to stand trial on charges he shot and killed a Denver police officer on May 8, 2005.

Raul Garcia-Gomez is being held by Mexican authorities in Culiacan, Sonora, after fleeing the United States.

“I am going to ask Ambassador de Icaza to tell his government that justice can only be served if this individual stands trial in Colorado,” Senator Allard said. “I am optimistic that the ambassador will understand the gravity of this case and intervene with his government.”

“Garcia-Gomez is accused of committing one of the most heinous crimes on our law books: the killing of a police officer. Failure to extradite him back to the United States to stand trial would be an outrage, not the action of a friendly government,” Senator Allard said.

Last Monday, Senator Allard wrote to U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, urging her to make this case one of her top priorities, and to use all the diplomatic tools at her disposal to secure this extradition.

Garcia-Gomez, a Mexican national working illegally in the United States, allegedly shot two Denver Police officers, Detectives Donald R. Young and John Bishop. Detective Young died of his injuries. After fleeing to Mexico from the United States, Garcia-Gomez was taken into custody in Northwest Mexico on June 4, 2005.

“In other cases, Mexican authorities have resisted extraditing individuals to a different country for trial if the death penalty is a possibility. It is my understanding that the City of Denver’s District Attorney’s office is working with the Department of State and Mexican authorities on a possible arrangement that would address this concern,” Senator Allard said.

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